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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJECT: BODYGUARDS FORMISSION DIRECTOR

REF: BOGOTA 4370, STATE 110740

1. THERE HAVE BEEN NO DIRECT THREATS ON THE USAID DIRECTOR; HOWEVER, RSO WITH CONCURRENCE OF THE SECURITY WATCH COMMITTEE & THE CHARGE BELIEVES THE GENERAL LEVEL OF THREAT HIGH ENOUGH TO WARRANT BODYGUARD PROTECTION FOR THE MISSION DIRECTOR.
2. DEPARTMENT IS WELL AWARE OF THE SECURITY PROBLEMS WE HAVE BEEN FACED WITH IN BOGOTA AND IT IS RSO AND SECURITY WATCH COMMITTEE'S POSITION THAT THE USAID MISSION DIRECTOR IS A HIGH PROFILE TARGET. AT THE PRESENT TIME WE HAVE A BODYGUARD PROGRAM WITH AMBASSADOR, DCM & PAO & ON A TEMPORARY BASIS WITH PC DIRECTOR, AS A RESULT OF STARR KIDNAPPING.
3. THERE IS NO INDICATION AT THIS POINT IN TIME THAT THE THREAT LEVEL HAS DIMINISHED. VARIOUS TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS, I.E. FARC, ELN & M-19 CONTINUE TO EXSIST AND OPERATE IN BOGOTA AND COLOMBIA IN GENERAL. IT IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OUR BELIEF THAT HIGH RANKING PERSONNEL OF THIS MISSION REPRESENT THE MOST POSSIBLE AND OBVIOUS TARGETS OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS OPERATING IN COLOMBIA.

4. WE UNDERSTAND CONGRESSIONAL CONCERN OVER USE OF OFFICIAL VEHICLES; HOWEVER, IT MAKES LITTLE SENSE TO REDUCE SECURITY OF UTILIZING OFFICIAL VEHICLES WHICH

IS PARTIALLY ARMORED AND HAS RADIO COMMUNICATIONS FOR DIRECTOR'S PRIVATE VEHICLE WHICH HAS NONE OF THE SECURITY FEATURES. FOR THIS REASON, IT IS REQUESTED A WAIVER BE PLACED ON RESTRICTONS OF USAID DIRECTOR IN USING OFFICIAL VEHICLE.

5. THROUGH THE SECURITY WATCH COMMITTEE WE ARE CONTINUALLY REVIEWING THE THREAT LEVEL AS IT AFFECTS OUR PERSONNEL. THE DURATION OF NEED FOR BODYGUARDS FOR THE USAID MISSION DIRECTOR SHOULD RUN UNTIL THE PRESENT DIRECTOR LEAVES IN LATE 1977.
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